

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 338

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Ruby Leola Barnes
Gray of Washington County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mrs. Ruby Leola Barnes Gray; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, born January 12, 1914 to Andrew and Bessie Smith Barnes, Ruby lived in Washington County all of her life; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Boones Creek High School in 1932 and from the Appalachian Hospital School of Nursing in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Gray was an active and devout member of the Gray United Methodist Church since her childhood, and was the first president of the church's Women's Society; and

WHEREAS, following the birth of her daughters, Mrs. Gray became a full-time homemaker; she was a loving, dedicated wife and mother who gave freely of her immeasurable talents for the betterment of her community and church; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mrs. Gray leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by her friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the companionship of her husband of 56 years, Niles Gray; was the proud parent of two daughters, Sandra and Martha, and was the loving sister of Irene Barnes, Vivian Adams and David Barnes; and

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WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Ruby Leola Barnes Gray, remembering with admiration her model character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Gray.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.